



Riverbend Park Field Trips

for elementary age students

FALL 2006

Who: School age children 1st-6th grade

What: Naturalist-led programs

When: September 21- December 1, 2006

Reservations begin August 30, at 9:00a.m.

Where: Riverbend Park - Fairfax County, Great Falls, Virginia 22066

Why: Reinforce SOLs/Program of Studies with classroom learning. Make learning hands-on and fun!

How: Call (703) 759-9018.

Gift Bags: \$3.50/bag. The gift bag includes items from our gift shop relevant to the program your class is registered for. Please request gift bags when you reserve a field trip date.

Cost: All programs have a \$4/student fee. Minimum class size: 15. NON-FAIRFAX county schools have a \$5/student fee. Payment is due on the scheduled program date.

This flyer can be found online at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend

Students are welcome to bring some extra money to shop at the nature gift store and snack bar. Please note these are located only at the Visitor Center. Your class can also pre-order gift bags as an alternative (see above).

Teachers If you would like to receive our school flyers via email please email Karen.Sheffield@fairfaxcounty.gov and write "teacher email list" in the subject line. Your email will not be shared with other organizations.

Delightful Decomposers

Look at life under a log. Hike the forest in search of decomposers, such as turkey tail, shelf fungus, worms, termites, and more! Through trail activities find out why decomposers, such as fungus, are important to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

Location: Nature Center Grades: 1-6 Length: 1& 1/2 hrs.

Science SOL/Program of Studies Benchmarks and Indicators:

1.4(a,b,c), 1.7(a)

2.5(a), 2.8(c)

3.10(a)

Indians of the Potomac- Learn about the daily lives and lore of the area's earlier residents through hands-on activities. Take a hike along the Potomac River to search for clues of how the Siouan and Algonquian speaking people interacted with the natural environment.

Location: Visitor Center Grades: 1-6 Length: 1& 1/2 hrs.

Social Studies SOL/Program of Studies Benchmarks and Indicators:

2.2, 2.4(b,c,d)

VS.2(c,d,e)

Falling Leaves and Seeds- Can you tell an oak from a maple? Is that an acorn or a walnut? Shorter days and colder weather has animals and plants preparing for the upcoming winter. Venture through the deciduous forest on a hike. Listen and search for animals and play trail games.

Location: Nature or Visitor Center Grades: 1-6 Length: 1&1/2 hrs.

Science SOL/Program of Studies - Benchmarks and Indicators:

1.1(a), 1.4(a,b,c), 1.5(a,b), 1.6(a), 1.7(a,b,c), 1.8(a)

2.4(b), 2.5(a), 2.7(a), 2.8(c)

3.4(a,b), 3.5(a,b,c), 3.6(a), 3.8(b), 3.10(a), 3.11(a)

Rain on My Watershed- What happens when it rains? Find out with this action packed program by building an enormous land mass with mountains, waterfalls and lakes, and then we'll make it rain. Find out how each of us fits in to the Potomac River watershed. Become part of the water cycle, make erosion happen, and take a hike along the Potomac River.

Location: Visitor Center Grades: 2-6 Length: 1& 1/2 hrs.

Science SOL/Program of Studies Benchmarks and Indicators:

- 2.3(b), 2.5(a,b)
- 3.6(a), 3.7(d), 3.9(a,b,c,d)
- 4.8(a,b)
- 5.7(e,f)
- 6.5(b,f,g)

Riverbend Park offers Winter outreach programs

During January and February a naturalist can visit your school.
Programs offered: Birds Around Us, Winter Wildlife, and What's a Watershed?
Fee: \$100 for the first class and \$4/student for each additional class program during the same visit.
All NON-FAIRFAX county schools have a \$125 fee for the first class and \$5/student for each additional class program during the same visit.

Virginia Indian Festival
Saturday, September 9, 10am-5pm

Riverbend Park hosts the Virginia Indian Festival, Saturday, September 9, 10am-5pm. Help craft a dugout canoe, enjoy live demonstrations and dancing, shoot arrows, throw a spear, and talk with tribe members, plus shop for pottery and jewelry. Participating tribes include the Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Chickahominy, Upper Mattaponi, and the Piscataway Nation. \$5/ person. No reservations required. Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls, VA (703) 759-9018.



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